

WASHINGTON – The U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation today approving the minting of new coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. The revenue gained from the new coins would help fund a national memorial honoring those veterans. The American Veterans Disabled for Life Commemorative Coin Act, H.R. 634, was introduced by U.S. Representatives Mark Kirk (R-Ill.) and Dennis Moore (D-Kan.) with the endorsement of the Disabled Veterans LIFE Memorial Foundation. With its passage in the House and Senate, the bill now goes to the President who is expected to sign the legislation into law.

“We owe everything to the thousands of disabled veterans who risked everything in the service of our nation,” Congressman Kirk said. “As a naval reserve officer, I am honored to join with Congressman Moore to recognize these heroes with a suitable memorial near the Capitol. The funds that the new coins will generate will allow us to appropriately thank our veterans with a lasting monument in Washington.”

“More and more of our brave men and women are returning home with injuries that will affect them for the rest of their lives,” Moore said. “We can never fully communicate our gratitude for the service and sacrifice that our servicemen and women have made for our country, but this memorial is an important step.”

Commanding an impressive two-acre site within full view of the U.S. Capitol, the Memorial will be located adjacent to the National Mall, and across Independence Avenue from the U.S. Botanic Garden, at Washington Avenue (Canal Street) and Second Street, SW. It will be the nation's first physical tribute specifically honoring America's three million living disabled veterans and the countless thousands who have since died.

More information regarding the memorial can be found at <http://www.avdlm.com/>.